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MEMORANDUM FOR: Jesse Clear
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Department of State

FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, [REDACTED] OGI

SUBJECT: Use of Forced Labor in the Soviet Union [REDACTED]

1. Attached is the preliminary draft of an article on a newly-identified Soviet forced labor complex along the BAM railroad. As a result of our continuing research on the uses of forced labor in the Soviet Union, our analysts have confirmed the use of forced labor to exploit timber resources along the new BAM railroad under construction in east Siberia. The article will appear in CIA's USSR Monthly Review. [REDACTED]

2. Comments and queries may be addressed to the Chief,
[REDACTED]

Attachment:

Confirmed Use of Forced Labor Along the
BAM Railroad [REDACTED] June 1983

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Confirmed Use of Forced Labor Along the BAM Railroad

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[REDACTED] The complex consists of a double-secured camp with barracks and a large double-fenced work area located in an area of timber exploitation near Ust'-Kut in eastern Siberia. [REDACTED]

Fragmentary reporting has suggested that forced labor has been used to construct the BAM, a strategically located railroad designed to exploit valuable east Siberian resources. But a recent review of photography found no evidence of either heavily-secured or unconfined forced laborers. This new site near Ust'-Kut is the first confirmed use of heavily-secured forced laborers in the BAM development corridor. This rail-served facility is similar to other forced labor complexes in the country engaged in logging and timber processing. The timing of the construction suggests that the Soviets plan to use forced labor to develop timber, and possibly some of the other resources of eastern Siberia. [REDACTED]

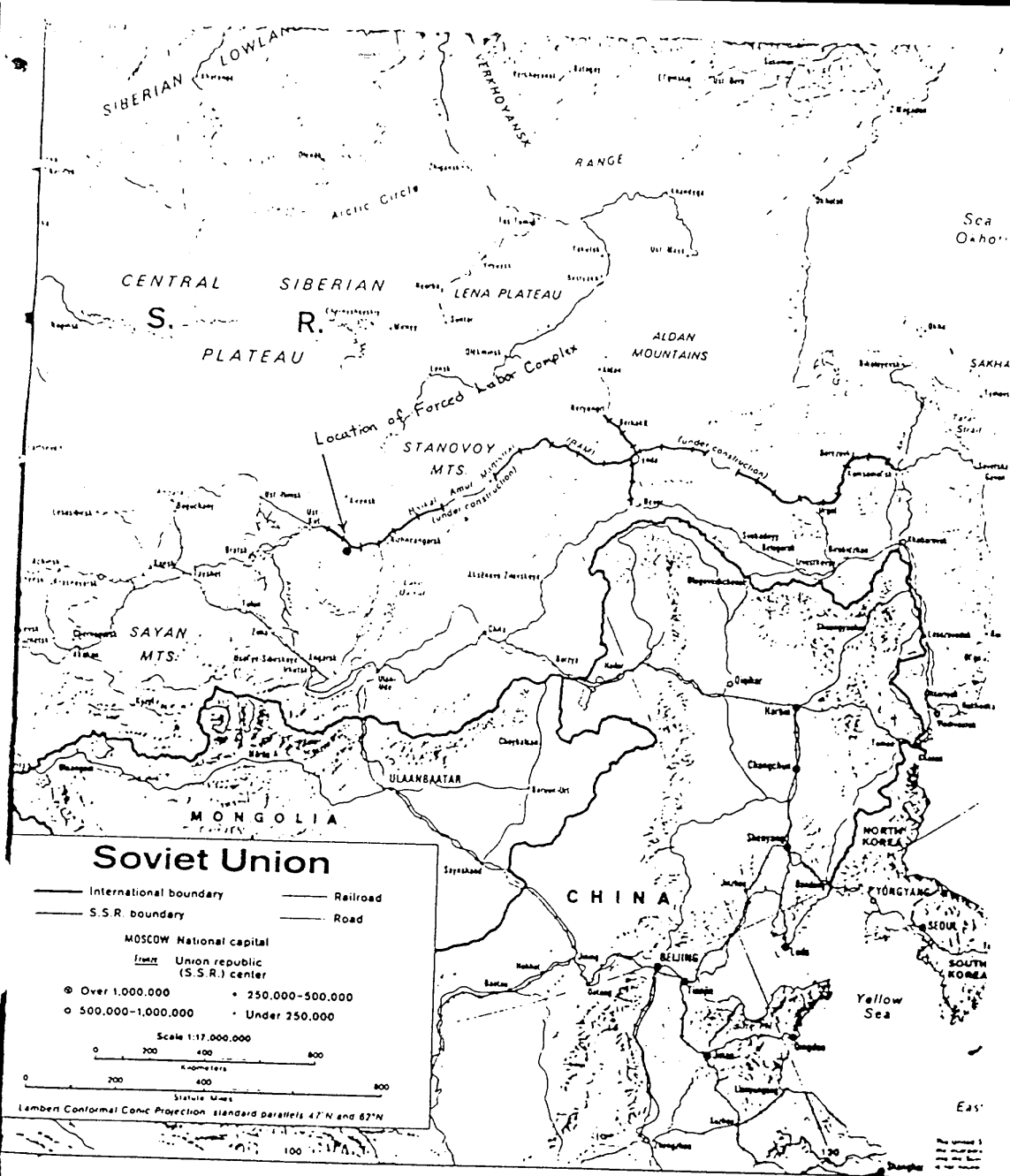
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